

## Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Project Project Summaries

### Los Angeles

The Los Angeles County Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LAC LEAD) program is a community based diversion program that aims to improve public safety and reduce future criminal behavior by people engaged in low level drug offenses. The site is an area in South Los Angeles around Long Beach Blvd in the communities of Lynwood, Compton and Long Beach. In this program, Law Enforcement Officers from the Long Beach Police Department and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department will identify 300 people with histories of repeated incarceration for behavioral health motivated crimes and offer them, in lieu of arrest, an opportunity to participate in a harm reduction and Housing First case management program. LAC LEAD is a result of a unique partnership between the County of Los Angeles, including the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, the District Attorney, Probation, the Health Agency's Office of Diversion and Reentry and Housing for Health divisions, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Mental Health; the City of Long Beach, including the Long Beach Police Department, the City Prosecutor, and public defenders; community organizations; and community members.

The Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR), will be managing the LAC LEAD program. The mission of ODR is to develop and implement county wide criminal justice diversion for persons with mental and/or substance use disorders, including persons who are homeless. ODR is well positioned to quickly ramp up LEAD using an existing network of service provider partners and though relationships with criminal justice partner agencies.

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### San Francisco

Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion San Francisco (LEAD SF) is an innovative pre-arrest diversion program that will refer repeat, low-level drug offenders, at the earliest contact with law enforcement, to community-based health and social services as an alternative to jail and prosecution. LEAD SF participants will have access to the city's extensive system of care that includes comprehensive behavioral health services (substance use disorder and mental health treatment), physical health services, transitional housing, employment, and other relevant services. LEAD SF is a multi-agency collaborative partnership between the San Francisco Mayor's Office (applicant agency), San Francisco Department of Public Health (designated by the Mayor's Office as the lead agency), San Francisco Police Department, San Francisco Sheriff's Department, Bay Area Rapid Transit Police Department, San Francisco Adult Probation Department, San Francisco District Attorney's Office, San Francisco Public Defender's Office, and the nonprofit Drug Policy Alliance. LEAD SF will also include community-based organizations and a broad network of health and social service providers that represent and serve the individuals most impacted by drug/alcohol abuse and the resulting effects on community health and safety. The goals of LEAD SF are 1) Reduce

the recidivism rate for low-level drug and alcohol offenders in San Francisco's Tenderloin and Mission districts; 2) Strengthen collaboration across city departments and with community-based organizations to better meet the needs of individuals with a history of substance abuse and low-level drug trafficking offenses by diverting them from the justice system and into harm reduction based social services; and 3) Improve LEAD participants' health and housing status. Over the 26-month grant period, police officers will refer 250 individuals to LEAD SF, including 200 pre-booking referrals and 50 social contact referrals. At least 100 of these individuals will work with a case manager from the Glide Harm Reduction Services or the Felton Institute (CBOs) to develop an Individual Intervention Plan and receive access to the city's network of evidence-based social and mental health services. These services are all based in harm reduction principles, and participants will receive ongoing case management to support them on their path to recovery, stable housing and economic stability.

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